



## University Of Richmond Dorms Available

The University of Richmond, founded in 1830 and the senior educational institution of Baptists in Virginia, announces plans to make available in June, 1976, its dormitory facilities and food services to persons traveling to and from Norfolk, Virginia, to attend the Southern Baptist Convention. Air-conditioned dormitories, (such as the North Court of Westhampton College for Women, on the U of R campus, pictured) will be available to messengers, pastors, church and denominational leaders, and their families, from June 4 - June 27. The rate of \$10 per person per day includes both room and board (three meals daily), and is based on double occupancy. Meals will be served cafeteria-style in the campus dining halls.

The University of Richmond is located in a residential section in the West End of the city of Richmond, not very far from the SBC Foreign Mission Board. A non-refundable holding fee of \$5 must accompany each request for reservations and will be applied to the total charge. To make reservations or secure additional information, write: M. Barrett Pollard, Director of Continuing Education, University of Richmond, VA. 23173, (Phone 1-804-285-6318).

## Ford Invitation Stands; Editor Will Not Pursue

NASHVILLE (BP) — An invitation to President Gerald R. Ford to address the annual Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk, Va., June 15, will not be withdrawn and a Baptist newspaper editor who called for withdrawing the offer for Ford to speak to the SBC has said he will not pursue the matter further.

The committee's decision to reaffirm the Ford invitation came in response to a widely-circulated Mailgram from Robert J. Hastings, editor of the Illinois Baptist to R. G. Puckett, chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, SBC, and editor of the Maryland Baptist.

Hastings had protested the invitation, contending it was unfair to other presidential candidates, Bicentennial or not, particularly to Georgia Democrat Jimmy Carter, a Southern Baptist layman.

The SBC committee's decision was made via a telephone conference involving all but one member, Harley G. Humes, who could not be reached, according to Puckett, who released a statement on the committee's behalf to Baptist Press. All committee members contacted agreed to reaffirm the invitation for the President to address the SBC, Puckett said.

Hastings, on learning of the committee's decision responded: "I appreciate the prompt response from the Committee on Order of Business. It shows they are responsive to opinion."

Secondly, he said, "The use of the word 'embarrassing' on my part was ill-chosen, and, actually, we have no reason to be embarrassed if the President does accept the invitation."

Hastings had written to Puckett that: "We are in the embarrassing

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## John W. McCall, Prominent Baptist, Dies In Nairobi

MEMPHIS (BP) — Judge John W. McCall, 61, a former chairman of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission here and the father of Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, died in Nairobi, Kenya, Monday, Apr. 12.

Judge McCall, long-time attorney and former city judge here was in Nairobi at the home of his daughter and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Bethea, medical missionaries serving under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Dr. Bethea accompanied the body back to the United States. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, on Friday, April 16, and burial was at Oxford, Miss.

Judge McCall, a prominent Baptist layman, served on several denominational boards, including the Baptist Brotherhood Commission, of which he was chairman of its executive committee, 1948 - 50 and chairman of the commission, 1950-54. He served on the commission 1922-64.

He served also on the Social Service Commission, now the Christian Life Commission of the

a member of the Tri-State Baptist Hospital Board in Memphis. And, for more than 25 years, he was chairman of the deacons at First Baptist Church, Memphis. During that same time span, he taught a Sunday School class that was broadcast by radio each Sunday.

His wife, the former Lizette

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## National, Southern Baptist Pastors' Meeting Planned

A fellowship meeting of National and Southern Baptist pastors, to be observed in recognition of the nation's bicentennial, will be held May 17 and 18 at Camp Garaywa near Clinton.

National Baptists is the term generally used to denote several Baptist bodies made up predominantly of blacks.

While this is the first such meeting of this sort, and it is being held because of the bicentennial, it is hoped that such a fellowship can become an annual event, said Rev. Dick Brogan, director of the

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## Four From Mississippi

# 8,000 View Appointments As FMB Meets In Oklahoma

By Charles Warren  
OKLAHOMA CITY (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 19 missionaries, including four Mississippians, elected officers, approved three missionaries to special administrative responsibilities and appropriated \$235,000 for world relief during its April meeting here.

In other action the board employed a record 97 missionary journeymen, allocated \$4.3 million of the 1975 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and approved a new organizational structure for the agency's mission support division.

The evening appointment service, in Oklahoma City's Myriad Convention Center, was attended by about 8,000 persons. Featured were testimonies by the new appointees, music by combined choirs from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and a report and missions message by Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary. At the close of the service, 124 persons responded to the invitation.

Cauthen announced that even though the books remain open through

April, the 1975 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering already has exceeded its \$24,000,000 goal, reaching \$24,828,543 during the first two weeks of April. He also expressed gratitude that during the first half of the Southern Baptist Convention's (SBC) fiscal year, the Cooperative Program (unified budget) is running more than 14 percent higher than at the same point last year.

James G. Harris, pastor of University Baptist Church in Fort Worth, and J. Roy Clifford, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church

in Richmond, Va., were re-elected as president and first vice-president respectively. J. R. White, pastor of First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., was elected second vice-president.

Mrs. Doris Mullendore from Bowling Green, Ky., was elected as recording secretary. Elizabeth Minshew of the board's Richmond staff was re-elected assistant recording secretary.

Samuel M. James, missionary to Vietnam for 13 years, was elected field representative for East Asia, replacing George H. Hays, now secretary for East Asia. Assuming his new duties in June, James will provide a personal link between missionaries in East Asia and the area's administrative office in Richmond.

The board also elected Isam E. (Dick) Ballenger, missionary to Germany for 11 years, as field representative for Europe, effective in October. He replaces John Allen Moore who will retire from active missionary service.

Another of Moore's present responsibilities will be shifted to John David Hopper, missionary to

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## HMB Adds Personnel, Disagrees With Editorial, Endorses 'Jog'

ATLANTA (BP) — The executive committee of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, meeting here, appointed 24 missionary personnel, expressed disagreement with an editorial on the board's recent report on mission challenges of the future, and endorsed a cross country jog for world relief.

The 18-person committee's appointments included three mis-

sionary couples, 12 missionary associates and six US-2 missionaries named for two year terms.

The jog — called a "run for health, love and life" — will be performed by Orvil W. Reid, emeritus foreign missionary to Mexico and physical fitness buff, who will run 500 miles from the Home Mission Board in Atlanta to the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., from Sept. 3-Oct.

11, 1976. Reid, 68, plans to conduct services along his route and take offerings for world relief.

The committee endorsed a letter by the board's executive director - treasurer, Arthur B. Rutledge, which disagreed with two paragraphs of an editorial in the May, 1976, issue of World Mission Journal, published by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis.

The editorial, entitled "No World Strategy," by Journal editor, Jim Newton, called the board's report in February, on mission challenges of the future, "disappointing."

In 1974, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) asked the denomination's two mission boards to "review thoroughly their present mission plans and consider the implementation of bold new plans where needed." It also asked a special 21-member Missions Challenge Committee, made up of persons named by the SBC officers and each of the mission boards, to develop "a challenge to Southern Baptists to help meet world need in the final quarter of this century."

All three reports, presented at the February meeting of the SBC Executive Committee, will go to the SBC annual meeting, June 15-17, in Norfolk.

"Frankly we expected more from the Home Mission Board. Their report really does not accomplish what (Missions Challenge) Committee needed," the editorial said.

Rutledge's reply, printed in full in the June issue of World Mission Journal, which has already been distributed, deals at length with why the Home Mission Board executive disagrees with the editorial.

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## Ohio Elects Sommerkamp Editor, Allen For WMU

COLUMBUS, Ohio (BP) — Theo E. Sommerkamp, associate director of public relations at the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, Dallas, for the past five years, has been elected as editor of the Ohio Baptist Messenger.

Sommerkamp, 47, who has spent 21 years in Southern Baptist journalism and public relations, will succeed L. H. Moore, retiring editor of the state Baptist news publication, June 1.

He will also have responsibility for the public relations for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and serve as the convention's historical secretary.

Besides electing Sommerkamp, the Ohio Convention's executive board also named Mrs. Helen M. Allan, 50, editor of Mission Friends material for the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), Birmingham, as state WMU director.

In other action, the board voted to establish, with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., a branch of the seminary's Boyce Bible School in Columbus to offer non-degree diploma work. A building will be remodeled to house the Boyce School center, a Seminary Extension center and the Capital City Baptist Association.

Before joining the Annuity Board in 1971, where he also served as press representative, Sommerkamp spent six years as director of European Baptist Press Service (EBPS), Ruschlikon, Switzerland, under appointment



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Switzerland and Austria for 11 years. Effective in October, Hopper will be fraternal representative for Eastern Europe, providing a communication link between Southern Baptists and Baptists living in the Eastern European countries of Hungary, Romania, and Yugoslavia.

Of the \$235,000 relief appropriations, \$75,000 will be used in a year's program of hunger relief in North Brazil, \$25,000 is for a medical project in Faridpur, Bangladesh; \$10,000 for work with Indochina refugees now in Thailand; \$5,000 for a measles immunization campaign in Kenya, \$5,000 for recurring relief needs in Korea, \$5,000 for hunger needs in Chile, \$5,000 to assist refugees from Angola and Portugal and \$5,000 for hunger needs in North Brazil.

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position of giving Ford this political platform in an election year.

The Illinois editor further responded, "In view of the committee's almost unanimous decision, I respect their judgment and plan no further action." His decision, Hastings said, meant he was also abandoning earlier plans for a motion to be made at the SBC calling for withdrawal of the invitation to Ford.

Puckett, speaking for the SBC committee, stated the group's reasons for reaffirming its invitation to the President:

"The invitation was extended as part of the Convention's celebration of the nation's Bicentennial. The program of the annual meeting of the SBC is not a platform for political candidates. The Convention has a long-standing practice of non-endorsement of any candidate for any office. Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter are no exception.

"The protest of the invitation to Mr. Ford had not been directed toward the President but rather the Committee on Order of Business for extending the invitation. . . . The Committee . . . regrets any confusion or misunderstanding resulting from the invitation to President Ford.

"However, the committee reaffirms the propriety of the invitation from the nation's largest evangelical body to the President . . . during the Bicentennial year. . . . The Committee . . . also regrets the injection of partisan politics into the situation by Editor Hastings. Such was never intended by the Committee," which "clearly separated the office of President from the candidacy of Gerald R. Ford. The invitation was based on the former without any endorsement of the latter."

The Committee's statement cited that the "invitation was personally presented to President Ford through mediators in Washington at the request of SBC President Jaroy Weber" of Lubbock, Tex., ex-officio member of the committee.

The invitation "was not rejected at the time extended and is subject to confirmation or decline two or three weeks before the June 15 date of the (Ford's) address. All press releases have clearly stated the acceptance (by Ford) was tentative, subject to the President's decision."

## Carey Announces Appointment Of Faculty Member

William Carey College has announced the appointment of Dr. James N. Sappington as assistant professor of biology, effective July 1 of this year. The notice was made by Dr. J. M. Ernest, academic vice-president of the college.

Dr. Sappington, a native of Memphis, holds the bachelor, master, and doctor of philosophy degrees from Mississippi State University. His undergraduate studies were done in mathematics and science education, while his graduate studies were done in education and zoology.

Now teaching at Trident Technical College in Charleston, South Carolina, he has also served as electronics instructor at Keesler Air Force Base and also in the Missile Guidance Equipment Division of General Electric Company.

Transferred from earlier Vietnam relief appropriations, \$100,000 will go into a hunger relief and disaster emergency fund.

The board's mission support division, one of three administration divisions of the agency's structure, will be reorganized into four departments instead of the present three.

A new department of communications will combine all communications functions of the board including information and editorial services, publications and resources and services. Public relations and press will be staff functions in the new department.

Another new department, that of denominational coordination, will relate to other Southern Baptist agencies and leaders in closer coordination and planning with the entire denomination. The department will work with other departments of the division in planning and stimulating a more effective divisional approach.

The department of missionary personnel will remain essentially the same. The department of furlough ministries will continue an emphasis on the effective use of furloughing missionaries for mission support and various forms of assistance to these missionaries.

The board also approved two new positions for the Richmond-based home office staff. An associate disaster response coordinator will assist W. Eugene Grubbs, disaster response coordinator, Dr. Franklin Fowler, the board's medical consultant will also have an associate. Persons to fill these positions will be named at a later board meeting.

Announcements were made of the retirements of H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for West Africa, and Ralph Magee, assistant treasurer. Both men will retire at the end of 1976.

The 97 young people approved for employment as missionary journeymen, along with 4 alternates, will enter training at Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C., in June. Upon completion of a six-weeks training program, those commissioned by the board will serve two years overseas in a specific job assignment alongside career missionaries. Missionary journeymen are college graduates 26-years-old or under.

The 19 new missionaries include nine couples and a single woman. They will serve in nine different countries following missionary orientation.

Missionary appointees included Mr. and Mrs. Ronald H. (Ronnie) Ballard of Carrollton, Miss., and Mr. and Mrs. Dan M. Panter of Pascagoula and Jackson. Rev. and Mrs. Ballard will be assigned to Paraguay, where he will be a hospital chaplain. He is pastor of Carrollton Baptist Church.

Ballard was born in East St. Louis, Ill., and lived in Paragould and Prescott, Ark.; Natchez, Miss.; and New Orleans, La., while growing up. He was graduated from Clarke College, Newton, with the associate of arts degree; William Carey College, Hattiesburg, with the bachelor of arts degree; and a New Orleans Seminary with the master of divinity degree.

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James Robison, one of the most well-known evangelists of our time, will be appearing in an area-wide crusade at Hattiesburg, supported by many of the local churches. Robison begins his crusade Sunday April 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hattiesburg High School Tiger Stadium.

The nightly services are expected to draw record-breaking crowds from the entire area. More than seven million people have heard Robison through crusades and many more through his national syndicated TV program entitled, "James Robison Presents."

Robison and his team from Fort Worth, Texas, conduct about 26 large area-wide crusades a year. Appearing with Robison is gospel singer, John McKay, who will be coordinating the crusade music as choir director and soloist.

Robison's interest in people, especially young people, makes him an effective counselor and advisor. He has written several books dealing with problems that confront today's young person.

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## 'Dr.' Anita Bryant At William Carey College

Following a moving as well as entertaining performance on the campus of William Carey College, popular singer Anita Bryant was presented the honorary degree doctor of humane letters, by the Board of Trustees of the College. Shown above conferring the degree is President J. Ralph Noonkester who cited Miss Bryant as one who upholds the tradition of quality Christian entertainment at its finest. "As a Southern Baptist college we are pleased to honor this lovely lady who has achieved the highest acclaim in her chosen field and whose varied contributions to family and home life have earned her the respect of countless thousands. In addition she is a Southern Baptist herself and active in her local church in Miami, Florida." Miss Bryant's appreciative response was, "This is my first degree and I shall always cherish it." Anita Bryant performed at Carey on April 3.

## Israel Names Arab Baptist To Religious Affairs Post

HAIFA, Israel (BP)—Ibrahim Sim'an, a 35-year-old Arab Baptist lay leader here, has been named as the main assistant for Haifa and north Israel for the Christian Department of Israel's Ministry of Religious Affairs.

The position had been filled previously by Jewish Israelis, according to Southern Baptist representatives in Israel. Sim'an is the first Christian to serve the Ministry of Religious Affairs on an administrative level.

Sim'an has worked with Baptists in the Galilee since 1965, serving as translator and assistant to the director of the Christian Service Training Center, operated by the Southern Baptist mission, and more recently as editor of Al-Jama'ah, the Arabic Baptist paper.

The Arab Christian layman said his new responsibilities include maintaining good relations between and contact with all Christian communities for the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

He believes that his appointment as an Arab Christian to the new position marks a good beginning on the part of authorities in the Ministry of Religious Affairs toward bringing more representatives of the various religious communities themselves into the administrative and advisory levels of government.

Mission representatives also view Sim'an's appointment as significant because Baptists aren't yet recognized as a community under the millet system, in which matters of personal status are controlled by one's own religious community in Israel and other Middle Eastern countries. (Matters of personal status include such things as marriage, divorce, inheritance, registration of birth, change of religious registration, etc.)

Anglicans currently are the only Protestants officially recognized as a religious community under Israel's millet system, although Baptists and other Protestants have de facto recognition and are allowed to worship freely and have access to procedures for matters of personal status.

Sim'an will assist Christians in matters of personal status and in such matters as church repairs, cemetery maintenance, tax exemptions and contacts between the various Christian institutions and government ministries.

Although an employee of the Israeli government, Sim'an will continue to serve as a translator for the CSTC on a volunteer basis and will retain his post as editor of Al-Jama'ah for the present, according to Dwight Baker, a Southern Baptist representative in Israel.

Sim'an, a graduate of the Nazareth Baptist Secondary School, was given the rating of one holding a bachelor of arts in theology by the Ministry of Religious Affairs on the basis of his advanced training and study with the Haifa-based CSTC, Baker said. The CSTC is affiliated with the Seminary Extension Department of the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries in the U. S. The SED recently awarded Sim'an the first diploma in its new pastoral ministries program.

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Rutledge said the SBC did not ask the two mission boards to plan for the remainder of the century but asked the Missions Challenge Committee, on which both boards had input, to do so.

The executive committee named three missionary couples, 12 missionary associates, and six two-year term US-2 missionaries.

Among the missionary associates were Thomas and Dale Dobson of New Orleans, appointed by the department of Christian social ministries and Dan and Janice Nelson of Tigard, Ore.

Dobson will serve as a social worker at Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center, New Orleans.

A native of Fair Forest, S. C., he is a graduate of Furman University, Greenville, S. C.; New Orleans Seminary, and Tulane University, New Orleans, where he earned a master's degree in social work. He previously served as a missionary associate as director of the Baptist Rescue Mission in New Orleans.

Mrs. Dobson is a graduate of William Carey College, Hattiesburg, and New Orleans Seminary.

Nelson will be intern in evangelism with the Northwest Baptist Convention, headquartered in Portland, Ore. He is a native of Hattiesburg, and is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Nelson is a native of Jefferson City, Tenn., and is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. She has attended Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

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as a missionary associate by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The Tampa, Fla., native previously had spent 10½ years as assistant director of Baptist Press (BP), the SBC's news service, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville.

Sommerkamp served as local news editor for WTNT Radio, Tallahassee, Fla., and as general assignment reporter for the Tallahassee Democrat before joining Baptist Press in 1953. Earlier he had worked two summers as a sports writer for the Tampa Daily Times, while completing a bachelor of science degree in religious journalism from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. He was editor of the Bison, OBU's campus paper, 1950-51.

He also earned a master of science in journalism from Florida State University and has earned accredited status from the Public Relations Society of America. He is current president of the Texas Baptist Public Relations Association.

Mrs. Allan, wife of the late H. Marvin Allan, a pastor who died in 1951, worked at the SBC Sunday School Board, 1958-1963, first as a budget analyst assistant and then as assistant editor of Home Life magazine. She joined the WMU in 1966.

## Worship Continues In Angola

RICHMOND (BP) — Worship services continue in Angola and the Baptist Bookstore in Luanda, the capital city, is open, according to Southern Baptist missionaries who evacuated Angola in August but still have contact with national Baptists there.

Word has been received that worship services are being held in three areas of the country and the only bookstore still in operation in Luanda is the Baptist Bookstore.

# The Word

## Heritage & Hope

## Bible Preaching Confabs At Ridgecrest, Glorieta

NASHVILLE — The Bible Preaching Conferences to be held this summer at the two Southern Baptist Convention conference centers are set for July 17-23 at Glorieta and July 31-August 6 at Ridgecrest, according to Howard B. Foshee, secretary of the Sunday School Board's church administration department.

With the theme "The Word: Heritage and Hope," the Bible Preaching Conferences are designed especially for pastors and church staff members and their families.

Pastors, in particular, will benefit from the conferences, says Foshee, because "it is a time for them to evaluate personal and professional growth. It is a time of

assessing their work and developing new skills to minister for the Lord more effectively."

Foshee points out that other specialized conferences will be offered in addition to the Bible Preaching Conferences. These include the National Deacon Conference, Church Administration Conference, Church Housekeeping and Food Services Conference, Church Secretaries Certification Seminars, and the Youth Horizons Conference.

Topics of the personal growth conferences for pastors during the Bible Preaching Week include "How to Study the Bible," "How to Keep on Growing as a Christian," "How to be a Successful Leader" and "The Understanding and Practice of Prayer."

## Missions Evangelism Leaders Plan 'Bold Mission Thrust'

By Walker Knight

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind. (BP) — Southern Baptist state directors of missions and evangelism projected plans here for a four year "Bold Mission Thrust" for the nation in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board.

The emphasis seeks to enlist the 12.7 million member denomination in evangelizing and "congregationalizing" the nation. Its goal is, first, to let every person have an opportunity to hear and accept the gospel of Jesus Christ and, second, have an opportunity to share in the witness and ministry of a New Testament fellowship of believers. Coordinated by the board's evangelism and missions sections, the emphasis is part of a larger "Bold Mission" effort of the SBC, the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

The larger emphasis also stresses Bible teaching, mission action, and world mission concern, in addition to witnessing and starting congregations. While the Bold Mission Thrust (BMT) emphasis is vitally related to the ongoing work of the SBC, "it seeks to be dramatically different," according to Gerald Palmer of Atlanta, director of the missions section of the Home Mission Board.

"We are going to put our resources where the objectives are," Palmer said, "and we are asking Southern Baptists to fund this effort boldly."

"The BMT focuses the total effort of the programs of the Home Mission Board on the two objectives," he added.

"We have projected a greater degree of cooperation between our missions and evangelism forces in this effort than in any that I have seen in the past," added Bill Hogue, the board's evangelism section director, who joins Palmer in BMT leadership.

To emphasize the commitment of missions to evangelism and evangelism to missions, Palmer and Hogue each stepped into the other's role in one session here. Hogue spoke on the centrality of the church, and Palmer spoke on the imperative of evangelism.

The emphasis will include four target areas of concern:

—Counties without an effective evangelistic witness. (At least 600 counties in the U. S. have no type of Southern Baptist witness.)

—Key cities with large numbers of unevangelized and unchurched persons.

—Cultural and life style groups which are bypassed by the churches.

—Churches in crisis in transitional communities.

BMT, now in the planning stage, begins in 1977 and goes through 1980. BMT task forces will be established at the Home Mission Board and in most states to identify needs to plan for the period, and to aid in the channeling of resources.

John Havlik of the board's evangelism staff said, "We start out with stars in our eyes but we end up with the same old thing. We need a commitment to a bold mission — to believe that God is going to let us win our land to Christ in our time."

And Charles Chaney, director of missions for Illinois Baptists, said "As I look at these objectives, I feel that they are big enough that if they are accomplished we will have to give the credit to God."

The meeting here surfaced some tension between the state leaders and the Home Mission Board on the need for both a bold projection of needs and the availability of funds and other resources.

The Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union is projecting a dramatic increase in the goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions, primarily to fund the Bold Mission Thrust, according to Palmer. Heavy emphasis was placed on the fact that BMT must exceed budgeting concern in the mobilization of forces for the evangelization and the congregationalizing of the nation.

## Mrs. Mack Jones Directs Cantata

Mrs. Mack P. Jones, nee Marie Martin, a native of Mississippi, was the director of a county-wide community choir which presented the cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," Easter Sunday night, at the Washington County High School auditor-

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## Cox Announces Retirement

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He has been pastor of First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, since 1963. Other pastorates have been Homeville Baptist Church, McComb, Miss., and University Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. He was associate pastor of Daniel Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson; Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson; and Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

Among a number of denominational positions, Dr. Kitchings has served as vice chairman of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, as a member of the Personnel and Policies Committee of the Board, as a member of the committee to study the reorganization of the board, as a member of the budget committee of the board, as a member of the Committee on Order of Business for the Mississippi Baptist Con-

vention, as moderator of Attala County Baptist Association, as secretary and as chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission, and as president of the Hattiesburg and the Kosciusko ministerial associations.

In addition to serving as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board he is also a member of the board's Executive Committee.

Mrs. Kitchings is the former Ann Overstreet of Jackson. The couple has three children. Kathy is now Mrs. Gary Nowell. Karen is a sophomore at Mississippi College, and Hal is in the 10th grade at Kosciusko High School.

Dr. Kitchings said a special interest in Christian education had been developed early in life from the example set by his father. He said he felt this interest "could be fulfilled in a different and perhaps more lasting manner" in his

new position. The elder Dr. Kitchings bequeathed \$30,000 to Mississippi College.

This Baptist Foundation, the younger Dr. Kitchings said as he accepted the position, "is not on the sidelines watching the game. It is at the very heart of missions around the world."

He added that Christian influence "probably has been the theme of my preaching ministry for these 25 years" and he said he will continue this interest by "assisting others who desire to have the trail of their influence for good carried beyond this life until the end of time."

Stars may be seen from the bottom of a deep well when they cannot be discerned from the top of a mountain. So are many things learned in adversity which the prosperous man dreams not of.—Spurgeon.

## Baptist Groups In Arts Festival

The Revelation, youth choir of First Baptist Church, Jackson, will be a part of the annual Mississippi Arts Festival April 26 in the Jackson City Auditorium. The Revelation and others of the church will present a two-hour sacred concert. The concert will involve soloists, ensembles, narration, a 15-piece band and a five-screen visual presentation. A special guest will be Miss Evie Tornquist

of New Jersey. The concert will be entitled "Spring Splendor" and will have choreography by Alex Plasscharet of Los Angeles. Larry Black is the director of the Revelation and minister of music for First Baptist Church. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m., and tickets are available at the church and at the Maranatha Bookstore.

### The Naturals

Broadway tunes and popular musical selections will be the bill of fare at downtown Jackson's Smith Park during Mississippi Arts Festival Week.

At 7:10 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, the Naturals of Mississippi College will present a special concert to commemorate the nation's birthday and the Baptist institution's 150th anniversary as an educational institution.

Directed by Dr. Jack Lyall, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts at MC, the Naturals combine singing with choreography and patriotic red, white and blue outfits.

Choreography is by Mary Jane Savage. Musical accompaniment includes guitar, piano and drums.

## Area Evangelism Conferences

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CONFERENCE LEADERS



James Richardson



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Cecil Harper



Roy Collum

### DATES and PLACES

May 10—Second Baptist, Greenville  
May 11—North Batesville Baptist, Batesville  
May 13—Glenfield Baptist, New Albany  
May 14—East End Baptist, Columbus

### PASTORS:

Rev. Roy D. Raddin  
Rev. E. V. Ginn  
Rev. Jimmy Russell  
Rev. W. M. Daves

### SCHEDULE:

7:15 Congregational Singing  
Prayer  
Welcome

Mr. Cecil Harper  
Host Pastor



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## EDITORIAL

### Presidential Invitation Should Stand

The forthcoming Southern Baptist Convention session in Norfolk, Va., promises to be an interesting one. Already some issues are creating interest, and now a new one is being injected.

The Committee on Order of Business, in recognition of the Bicentennial Year of our nation, and considering that the meeting is being held in one of the most historic areas of our land, decided to invite the President of the United States, Gerald Ford, to address the meeting. This is not the first time that a president has been invited to address the body.

Now, however, objection is being raised concerning President Ford's appearance before the convention. A news story on page one of this issue of the Record reports that the committee is being urged to cancel the invitation. The suggestion is being made that if this is not done, there might be a motion to cancel the invitation when the committee makes its report at the opening session of the meeting.

The argument is being made that Mr. Ford is a candidate, and that Southern Baptists will be giving him a platform, while denying the

same to one of their own number who also is a candidate, and well may be the opponent of Mr. Ford in the November elections.

We cannot believe that the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk would do the discourteous thing of canceling this invitation once it has been extended and accepted. Neither do we believe that the committee should be pressured into being equal discourteous in canceling an invitation to the President which it already has made. After all, Mr. Ford was not invited as a candidate, but as the President of the United States, and there are no political implications whatever in the invitation. To cancel it, however, would mean that political issues are being brought into it and that should not be done.

We are not arguing the issue of whether the committee acted wisely in extending the invitation, although we can fully understand why they would consider doing so as a part of a Bicentennial celebration convention. The fact is, however, that Mr. Ford has been invited, and he still is our President, even though he now also is a candidate.

He was invited as President of our country, and if he comes, he will come as that. Let us recognize that, and not allow politics to be injected into the matter.

There is no assurance that Mr. Ford is going to accept the invitation. That still is tentative, and knowing the President's heavy schedule, there is a good chance that he will not be able to come. However, if he does come we are confident that it will be with full understanding of the reason for the invitation, and that he will speak, not as a candidate, but as a President who is joining with a great body of American citizens in thanking God for two hundred years of blessing on the nation.

If the President does come, let us hear him respectfully, and if he does not come, let us understand. In case he does come this does not mean endorsement of his candidacy. This is not endorsement but celebration.

(Editors Note: This editorial was in type before arrival of the Tuesday morning news story revealing that the committee on Order of Business had declined to cancel the invitation.)

### False Religions

"False Prophets" was among the signs which our Lord gave when He was answering the questions of His disciples concerning signs of His coming and of the end of the age. In Matt. 24:11, He said, "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many." Of course, there always have been false prophets, but surely there have never in history been as many as are seen today. If this is a sign of the Lord's return, and, of course, He said that it is, then the marked increase of false religious movements we are seeing today, give evidence that the time of His coming may be approaching. Let no one charge us, however, with setting dates, for we are not doing so. The time of the Lord's coming is not revealed to man, and still may be far away.

However, since it is an immanent event, meaning that it could happen at any time, it also could be near. Jesus said that when these signs began to appear we should "Watch!" Consider some of the fulfillments of this particular sign of "false prophets" which we are seeing right now:

The Guru, 18 year old mystic from India, founder of the Divine Light Mission (apparently an offshoot from Hinduism), is reported to have

a \$3.78 million dollar yearly income from gifts and tithes of his followers, and earnings from capitol funds apparently provided by them. He has property valued at more than half a million dollars in California, and an \$86,000 home in Denver.

The International Society for Krishna Consciousness, also an India based religious group, reports that its Eastern classics are published in eight languages; its books are used in the libraries of 95% of all American colleges and universities; more than 9 million persons purchased some of its books last year; and mayors of New York, Chicago, San Francisco and other major cities have "commended the movement for its work in steering young people toward healthy and positive goals."

The "Sun Myung Moon" Unification Church often has made the headlines in recent days, and apparently is attracting large numbers of youthful followers, who reportedly are raising vast sums of money for the movement.

"Transcendental Meditation" also has been getting the headlines, and actually has been officially introduced into the schools of at least one state. It, too, has a Hinduistic background.

These are just a few of the most prominent cultic movements of our day. There are numerous others. At the same time there are very active groups which call themselves "Christian" but which deny the basic fundamentals of the Christian faith. They, too, can be "false" teachers.

The test of any religious movement is the place that it gives to Jesus Christ. If He is not at the center as the Divine Son of God, and only "Savior" and Lord, then the religious movement is a false one. It may claim to be of God, and may use all kinds of spiritual terms, but if it does not exalt Jesus Christ as Lord above all, and does not follow the Bible and the Bible alone, as the Word of God, for all of its doctrines, then it is a false religion and is not to be followed by those seeking truth.

Movements which do not meet this test are very active today. All Christians need to be alert and ready to warn others concerning these "false prophets." Even groups which do follow the Word can err in their interpretation, but those which deny its divine origin, and do not accept the absolute Lordship of Christ are "false."

Holy Spirit and what is spurious. A valuable addition to present day discussion of Charismatic and related movements. Shows what true "spiritual" gifts are.

**I NEVER PROMISED YOU A DISNEYLAND** by Jay Kesler with Tim Stafford (Word Books, \$4.95, 120 pp.) An authentic look at the problems, frustrations, joys, and doubts which youth face today.

**LOVINGLY LIBERATED** by Sandle Chandler (Fleming H. Revell, \$4.95, 122 pp.) A Christian woman's response to the liberation movement.

**PUT A DOOR ON IT** by Louis Paul L. ehman (Kregel, \$3.50, 102 pp.) The "How" and "Why" of sermon illustration.

**AFTER THE RAIN** by Ione W. Lyall (Fleming H. Revell, \$4.95, 99 pp.) This book is a showcase of expressive poetry enhanced by the addition of striking mood photography by Russ Busby.

**THINKIT** by Suzanne Exell (Broadman, 24 pp., paper, \$.75) The subtitle says "Self-discovery creative booklet; youth to adult. Suggested activities to help a group of individuals discover self through the use of creative crafts."

**BIBLE TRUTHS** by Mrs. A. C. Lane (Gospel Publishing House, 47 pp., booklet) A small booklet of Bible truths to be used as a scripture study course for boys and girls.

**YOU CAN BELIEVE!** by Ernest A. Fitzgerald (Abingdon, 126 pp., paper \$3.25) Ernest Fitzgerald is a Methodist minister and this book contains sixteen messages on what Christians can and do believe.

Many people are beginning to learn that the cost of experience has gone up like everything else.

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IT JUST "HAPPENED"  
DESIGN THAT DEMANDS INTELLIGENCE  
"LIFE FROM NOTHING BEGAN THROUGH HIM"  
— COL. 1:18 (PHILIP. 1:25) —  
WHICH MAKES MORE SENSE?

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

### Churches Unite For Disaster Relief

Dear Editor,

The Madison County Churches United for Disaster Relief was created to provide assistance to victims of the recent tornado. Many churches have responded with contributions to assist with this effort. We believe that others will want to respond.

We trust you can include this information in your publication. Contributions should be made payable to Madison County Churches United for Disaster Relief and mailed to 133 South Union Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046. Funds received are greatly appreciated. Sincerely,

John Lovern, Administrator

### Stresses Importance Of Christian Citizens

Dear Sir:

America was both founded and made great by religious people. If our country falls, its destruction will assuredly be the result of the waning of the Christian influence in our society. Christianity is, and always has been, the principal part of the strength of America.

Howard M. Reeves has well said:

"Our country owes its greatness primarily to its Christian citizens, to those individuals who have put principle above selfishness, right above wrong, truth above falsehood, and honor above dishonor. Our country will continue to be great only as its citizens continue to place God first and seek to do his will as it has been revealed in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ."

Let us, therefore, keep the Christian influence alive and powerful in our society and thus keep American great and free and make our spiritual calling and election sure.

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Mark 12:30, 31).

"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments" (1 John 5:3).

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them" (Matt. 7:12).

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**NEW WINDOWS FOR WOMEN** by Evelyn Anderson (Baker, paper, 188 pp., \$2.95) Fresh perspective for women, on solving difficult or troublesome problems. Formerly published as *It's A Woman's Privilege*.

**LOVE STORY... THE REAL THING** by Bob Smith (Word, 37 pp., \$2.95)

**THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT** by Donald Gee (Gospel Publishing, 79 pp., pocket book, paper, \$.95)

**LET'S MEET THE HOLY SPIRIT** by Myer Pearlman (Gospel, pocket book, paper, 64 pp., \$.95) What you need to know about the Holy Spirit and How He can become your personal guide.

**THE SPIRIT-FILLED CHURCH** by John Lancaster (Gospel, pocket book, paper, 64 pp., \$.95) A complete handbook for the Charismatic Church.

**THIS IS THE WAY** by Donald Gee (Gospel, pocket book, paper, 64 pp., \$.95) Formerly "Studies in Guidance."

#### Bicentennial Feature

### Husband Shoots Minister For Baptizing Wife

NORFLEET'S FERRY, Va., June, 1777 (BP) — Baptist minister John Tanner was critically wounded when an irate husband shot the clergyman with a pistol for baptizing the man's wife.

As Tanner stepped off the ferry with another minister, the enraged husband came from hiding and fired at close range a large horseman's pistol, loaded with buckshot.

A physician said Tanner had been struck by seventeen of the shot. Most of the load hit Tanner in the thigh, and at least one piece passed through his leg.

Tanner's assailant was a leading persecutor of the church in this section. When he learned that his wife had asked for baptism into the Baptist church he reportedly threatened to shoot the minister who performed the ordinance.

Tanner said that he would not press charges.

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#### On The MORAL SCENE...

**US PUBLIC: SECOND THOUGHTS ON GROWTH** — "Limits of growth" proponents have overwhelmingly won the hearts and minds of the American people, according to a Harris poll. When given a choice between "a very different style of life in America — buying fewer products, not expanding our standard of living, not working as long hours or weeks and having less income" or "higher inflation, more shortages and more recessions," the public opted by a whopping 77-8 percent for a more modest life-style. The survey also found public attitudes sharply at odds with the traditional belief that the US must be "Number 1" in just about everything. By a 61-23 percent bulge Americans agreed that it was "morally wrong" for the US to consume 40 percent of the world's resources; 55 percent agreed this situation "hurts the well-being of the rest of the world"; 60 percent agreed that this nation's continued high consumption "will turn the rest of the people of the world against us"; 81 percent agreed that such consumption causes pollution; and 90 percent agreed that Americans "will have to find ways to cut back on the amount of things we consume and waste." (The Inter Dependent, p. 2, January, 1976)

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A new edition of a book on faith as the way to Christian victory and witness, written by a widely-known Kentucky pastor.

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**THE BAPTISTS** by Frank S. Mead (Convention, 60 pp., paper, \$.75).

Centennial edition of a brief book on Baptist history which presents some thrilling events and truths concerning the people called Baptists. The book actually is two chapters from Mead's larger book, "See These Banners Go." If you have not read the original, or the Broadman edition of these pages, you should get this book. With it you will have a new appreciation for Baptists.

**BASEBALL'S SERMON ON THE MOUND** by Frank D. Minton (Broadman, 96 pp., \$3.25).

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**THE GIFT OF INNER HEALING** by Ruth Stapleton Carter (Word, 115 pp., \$4.95).

The sister of Presidential candidate, Jimmy Carter, writes on the power of Jesus in bringing "inner healing" to troubled souls. A testimony of a plan us-

ed by this Southern Baptist in ministering to those with emotional and similar problems.

**THE WHITE HOUSE MYSTIQUE** by Wallace Henley (Revell, 126 pp., \$4.95).

A Baptist preacher, turned newspaper man, moves into swirling center of national power... the White House, just at a time when the Watergate crisis was approaching, and would burst upon the world, and destroy some of the nations highest officials. This is a fascinating story of the Washington situation. It also reveals how God led the author out of the bedlam of the national capitol, back to Alabama, and finally into a pastorate, the place to which God had called him long before. A fascinating record of how God can lead, even when we are not following his will, and finally brings us to the place He wants us to be.

**DEMONS YES—BUT THANK GOD FOR GOOD ANGELS** by Lehman Strauss (Loiseau Bros., paper, 121 pp., \$1.95).

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## Parents Of Deaf Children Invited To Conference

A conference for parents of deaf children will be conducted April 23-24 at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

Rev. Robert Parrish of Little Rock, Arkansas, will be leading the sessions, which will deal with problems deaf children and their families face. Rev. Parrish, the father of an eleven-year-old deaf daughter, directs the work with the deaf for the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

The conference will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday. Saturday's session will be from 9:30 to 12 noon. The meeting will be sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board under the direction of Rev. Rodney Webb, language missions program director.

## Dr. Caine Goes On Mission To Honduras

Dr. and Mrs. Curtis W. Caine of Jackson recently returned from a short term mission to Honduras sponsored by the Medical Group Missions program of the Christian Medical Society.

They were among a group of 83 participants which included physicians, surgeons, nurses, para-medical and support personnel who conducted a two week general medical, surgical and dental program in the area of La Ceiba, a port on the north coast of Honduras, bordering on the Caribbean. La Ceiba is the headquarters of the Standard Fruit Company in Honduras and their personnel have given invaluable assistance to MGM each of the eight years in which a project has been conducted.

The Christian Medical Society, with headquarters in Oak Park, Illinois is an association of Christian physicians and dentists who seek to witness to their Christian faith in and through the medical and dental professions. Participation in Medical Group Missions is open to any interested person.

## Pastor's Wife

### Hurt In Alaska Plane Crash

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (BP) — Mrs. Daniel Hood, wife of a Rome, Ga., Baptist pastor who was in Alaska for a revival crusade, was injured in the crash of an Alaskan Airlines jet plane here.

Mrs. Hood was born in Florence, Me., and her husband was formerly pastor in this state.

The Georgia woman reportedly received back injuries when the Boeing 727, carrying 49 passengers, ran off a runway and crashed into a ravine while landing here shortly after 8 a.m., April 5. One person was killed and eight others seriously injured.

Mrs. Hood and three of the plane's crew were flown to Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle, Wash., by a C-130 Coast Guard plane.

Hood, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, Rome, Ga., and A. D. Smith, minister of Music at Lucas Avenue Baptist Church, Laurens, S. C., also were aboard the plane but were not injured.

## Revival Dates

West Jackson, April 25-30: Ev-erette Martin, Ridgeland, evangelist; Rick Van Egmond, directing music; Cheryl Crawford, pianist; Rev. Dewitt Mitchell, pastor. Week night services at 7:30. Sunday, 11:00 and 7:30, with Young People in charge of "Youth Day" at 11:00 a.m.

Calvary, Columbus: April 25-30; Rev. David Poe, pastor, New Hope, Tupelo, evangelist; Rev. Gary Shows, Denham Springs, La.; leading music. Services 7:30 each evening. Rev. Jerry W. Stevens, pastor.

First Church, Hattiesburg: April 25-30; services at noon and 7 p.m.; Dr. Bill Causey, evangelist; Jim Raymick, director of music; Rev. George E. Meadows, pastor.

Cary Church (Sharkey - Issaquena): May 2-7; Bob Smith, pastor, Anguilla Church, evangelist; music directed by Carl Dunaway, Anguilla; week night services at 7 p.m.

Indian Springs, Laurel: April 25-30; Rev. Maurice Flowers, director of missions, Jones Association, evangelist; Rev. David Grimsley, music director, Highland, Vicksburg, singer; Mrs. Garry D. Meador and Mrs. Freddie Meador, pianist and organist; Rev. Wade Allen, pastor.

Trinity Church, 2010 Napoleon Ave., Pearl: April 25-30; Rev. Jimmy Welch, pastor of Hillcrest Church, Jackson, Tenn., evangelist; Jimmy McEachern, music and youth director of Trinity Church, singer; services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday and 7:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; Rev. Vance H. Dyess, pastor.

## MC To Present Ken Medema In May 4 Concert

The Mississippi College Student Body Association will present Ken Medema in concert on Tuesday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will be in the Nelson Auditorium at Mississippi College, and there will be no admission charge. MC students will have seating priority until 7 p.m.

Ken Medema, singer, composer, pianist, has been writing and singing his own songs since 1970 when he began composing original material for his work as a music therapist. He has written and performs such songs as "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying," "Moses," "And This Is Love..." and "Sun-shiny Day."

## Cary To Dedicate New Sanctuary

Cary Church will dedicate new worship facilities with special services on Sunday, May 2. Dedication services will begin at 11 o'clock. An open house and reception will be held from 2 until 5 in the afternoon.

A dedication revival will begin that evening at 7 and continue through May 7. Rev. Bob Smith, pastor of Anguilla Church, will be the evangelist.

The new brick veneer building consists of an auditorium with a seating capacity of 250, three additional classrooms, a library and pastor's study.

Rev. W. E. Wichman is pastor.

Hardy Church (Grenada): April 25-28; Rev. Preston Latch, pastor of Oak Grove Church, Bolivar, Tenn., evangelist; Bobby Shurden, Emmanuel Church, Grenada, singer; weekday services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jim Gore, pastor.

Forest Hill Church (Hinds): April 25-30; Rev. Elmer Fowler, Alabama, evangelist; Walter Campbell, minister of music at Forest Hill, music evangelist; Rev. Wilbur Irwin, pastor.

Main Street Church, Goodman: April 25-30; Rev. William Stewart, Eupora, evangelist; Luther Bogan, music evangelist; services 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Sunday services regular hours; Rev. D. M. Metts, Sr. pastor.

New Palestine, Piquette (Pearl River): April 25-30; Rev. Paul Lee, Deer Park, Texas, evangelist; Eugene Gillis, minister of music at New Palestine, music evangelist; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. with dinner on the grounds; weekday services 7:00 p.m.; Rev. Harris Barnes, pastor.

Highland Church, Laurel: April 25-30; Dr. J. B. Fowler, Jr., pastor, First Church, McComb, evangelist; Neal and Margaret Suddard, Memphis, Tennessee, music evangelists; Sunday services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; weekday services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Ralph Graves, pastor.

Westview Church, Jackson: April 25-30; Dr. Jerry Mixon, Petal, evangelist; Richard Miller, Pensacola, Fla., music evangelist; regular services on Sunday; weekday services, 12:00 noon luncheon and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. C. H. Locklin, pastor.

## Homecoming At Macedonia

On April 25, Homecoming Day will be observed at Macedonia Church, Brookhaven.

Rev. Calvin Phelps, a former pastor, will be the guest speaker for morning worship at 11. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall.

An afternoon service to begin at 2 and will feature old-fashioned singing by various groups and individuals. An offering will be taken for the cemetery fund.

The pastor is Don Nerren.

## Mississippi Bus To Kaleidoscope '76

Baptist Young Women will have an opportunity to attend the first national BYW meeting in Virginia Beach, Virginia, June 11-14 — KALEIDOSCOPE '76.

Mississippi BYWs are invited to travel as a group via chartered bus. The tour will also take the young women through Williamsburg and Bush Gardens prior to arriving at Virginia Beach for Kaleidoscope '76.

Cost of the tour is \$180 (rooming four per room); \$190 (rooming three per room); or \$200 (rooming two per room). The cost includes bus fare, registration fee, motel expenses, and tours through Williamsburg and Bush Gardens. Not included are meals enroute and spending money.

The group will leave from Jackson on June 9 at 7 a.m. and will return to Jackson on June 16 at approximately 6 p.m.

To make reservations, send name and address along with \$5 registration fee to Miss Frances Shaw, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

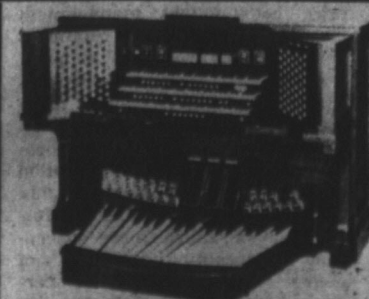
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# The Challenge Of Mobility

By Wm. J. Fallis

Genesis 12:1-9; Hebrews 11:1, 8-16

Some readers may think that is a strange title for a Sunday School lesson. That's the kind of thing sociology classes talk about. But mobility is a major factor in American life and of prime concern in family health. A few years ago



Vance Packard wrote a book entitled *A Nation of Strangers* which told quite graphically the effect of mobility on the way we live and think. He said these things set the stage: "The average American moves about 14 times in his lifetime. About 40 million Americans change their home address at least once each year." He feels that such moving from place to place has caused wide spread loneliness, a lack of community, and a fragmentation of the family. Mobility is a challenge, then, to the health of the family, and to the Christian life.

## The Lesson Explained

**THE BIRTH OF FAITH (vv. 1, 8-10)**  
This chapter was written to get before the scientific mind demand of objective proof of every claim of reality. But even in that early age people required gods they

could see and godly behavior they could understand—much like their own. That kind of mind was ruling the Mediterranean world; it had wealth and power. Jews and Christians had a different heritage; they believe in an invisible God who made moral demands and promised a new kind of life.

That belief was confident about the reality of the things they hoped for, things God had promised which they still had not seen. Abraham was the outstanding illustration of that faith in Hebrew history, and he is still a model for Christians. Convinced that he was being called by God, he left his home and father to seek another country. Although the "land of promise" was already occupied, "Abraham lived there as a stranger, still convinced that God would give it to him and his sons. In God's good time tents would give way to a well-founded city. But Abraham never saw it; he just kept on believing."

## THE FULFILLMENT OF FAITH (vv. 11-12)

Sarah, too, had faith. It may not have influenced her leaving Haran, a wife in that era would hardly have questioned her husband's decision. But the writer of Hebrews could say much more about Sarah's faith in becoming a mother. To be sure, she had laughed to herself when she overheard the promise that she would bear a son

(Gen. 18:10-12). After all, she was ninety years old, and Abraham was one hundred. In the face of the impossible, she had faith and accepted the word of him who made the promise. Isaac was her only son, and he was the key to God's promise. His descendants multiplied through the centuries. Thus, the faith of one man and one woman was vindicated.

## THE PERSISTENCE OF FAITH (vv. 13-16)

This first verse probably refers to Abraham and his immediate descendants. Although they never received the things God had promised through Abraham, they maintained the faith throughout life until death. They insisted that God could be trusted even if he could not be seen. They accepted the label: "strangers and pilgrims"; they would not identify themselves with the Canaanite religion or culture. On the other hand, they refused to be nostalgic about the land they had left. They still sought "a country."

In verse 16 the meaning is enlarged to include earth and heaven. God's call did not end in the Promised Land; life there was to be a stage in finding the city God had prepared. Because men and women of faith longed for the heavenly country, "God is not ashamed to have them call him their God, for he has prepared a city for them" (TEV).



## Baptists To Sing At Washington Cathedral

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A Bicentennial Festival of Praise will be held in the Washington Cathedral here on June 12, 1976, from 12:30 to 4 p.m., according to William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department, SBC. The Baptist hymn sing will feature the Centurymen, a 100 voice choir under the direction of New York composer-conductor Buryl Red; the Sons of Jubal, the singing chorus of the Georgia ministers of music; a recital of American music on the Cathedral's organ by William Partidge, organist-director of music at University Baptist Church, Baltimore; and a congregational singing of hymns led by Reynolds. Southern Baptists en route to the Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk, Va., are encouraged to attend the hymn sing. The Bicentennial Festival of Praise is sponsored by the Sunday School Board's church music department and the Baptist Convention of Maryland. A 45 minute peal-ringing from Washington Cathedral's bell tower, housing the highest set of bells in the United States, will serve as a postlude to the service.

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## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# The Anguish Of Parenthood

By Bill Duncan

II Samuel 18:5, 31-33; 19:4-8

It is when trouble comes—and it does in all families—that a man will appreciate and rely most on his partnership with God. In prayer and humility, he will seek God's leadership in domestic



problems the same as in his church life or his daily work. Many men seem surprised to learn, first, that all families have problems, and second, that the problems families face are very similar. Most men find it hard to talk about their problems or to admit they need help.

According to studies, the four most common sources of family discord are disagreement between husband and wife as to discipline of the children resulting in poor discipline, sexual misbehavior or attitude, interference from outside sources, and financial problems. Stated simply, they are discipline, sex, others, and money. These can bring anguish to parents and all members.

No one claims to have an easy answer to these problems. "But where there is love that goes beyond demands for personal enjoyment, where there is daily prayer and Bible reading within the family circle, and where there is a daily consciousness of partnership with God, these problems can be met and solved."

Recently a father sat and expressed extreme grief over his family situation. His son had become involved with the wrong crowd and had been picked up by the police for drugs and stealing. The father kept saying, "Where did I go wrong? What did I fail to do?"

In our day and age, I do not know a single parent who feels secure or adequate for today's demands. Surprisingly, I do not feel that fathers are doing much except complaining about the behavior of the children. It will be too late when the child leaves home.

To avoid the anguish such as David had over Absalom, what can a man do. As a father the best gift a man can give his family

has hardened, sledge hammer blows are required to do what a single leaf could have done earlier. A great deal of time spent with children when they are older will not make up for the lost opportunities when they were young.

Two things happen when a father spends time with his children. First, they are reassured that he loves them. Second, they learn by imitating him. The best teaching a child should get is not in the church building, but watching his

father practice his faith as he encounters everyday life.

## A FATHER'S FAILURE

The cry of David after the death of Absalom, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son," came from the depths of David's being. Here was a person who was close to God, so close that God said, "here is a man after mine own heart." His tender feelings were conscious of his need. As he agonized over his son's death, David was also suffering from a sense of his own moral failure. His own sin of adultery had led to the committing of murder. David confessed his guilt and accepted the blame for his transgression. God forgave him his sin, but the punishment had to be endured. A man's sin never looks as black as when reproduced in his sons and daughters. Absalom had murdered Amnon because he had raped his sister and David, the King, failed to administer justice. After the killing, Absalom fled to Geshur where his mother's home had been. The Bible says David longed to go to Absalom but could not bring himself to do so. Finally, David listened to Joab and sent for Absalom to come home but refused to see him when he returned to Jerusalem.

Absalom was isolated by his father. Here is where the trouble becomes hardened into cement. When communication breaks down, reconciliation is difficult. "Indecision makes for trouble later on." It seems that David should have punished Absalom severely or forgiven him completely.

Absalom is portrayed as a mature man with considerable public appeal and influence. He began to challenge David for the throne. The division in the home was the source for the division in the country. It may have been that Absalom's political ambition was used by David's enemies. The man who successfully seized the throne only lost his life in battle.

## A FATHER'S CONCERN

David abandoned Jerusalem to fight in the nearby forest of Ephraim which was lost to Jordan. It was a dense underbrush which would separate and demoralize Absalom's green militias and give his own professional soldiers an erroneous concern. Therefore, David prepared for small battles but warned with instructions "to deal gently with the young man Absalom."

## Prayer Lift For Pastors: April 25-May 1

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D. B. Benson, West Laurel  
Marcus Finch, Wildwood  
Hueston Adkins, West Ellenville

### Kemper

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April 26  
Curtis Dyer, Jr., Blackwater  
Frank Rush, Bluff Springs  
Arthur Engell, Center Ridge  
Bill Harwell, Corinth  
Ken Anderson, DeKalb

### April 27

Malcolm Lewis, Liberty  
Robert Armstrong, Salem  
J. G. Winscott, Scooba  
Frank Rush, Union Hill  
J. L. Morgan, Vardaman

### April 28

Pete Jackson, Watauga

### Lafayette

Jimmy Harrington, Anchor  
Willard Sweeny, Abbeville  
Larry Singleton, Bay Springs  
Troy Kitchens, Bethel  
April 29  
Kenneth McMillen, Clear Creek  
B. T. Nash, College Hill Heights  
Danny Estes, Delay  
Don Stanfill, Harbortown

### April 30

Edward Peoples, New Elbethel  
J. W. Massie, New Hope  
Ben Scarborough, New Prospect

tably tolerant of native Israelites who opposed him politically, (2: 1-32; 19:22).

The young recruits that were untrained by Absalom deserted into the woods and left the rebellious son to flee for his life. In the moment of distraction, Absalom had allowed himself to be trapped by a tree. In his defenseless condition, the brutal Joab struck the first blow and the nail of Joab's body guards added thrust so no one person would be guilty of disobeying the King's concern.

## A FATHER'S REACTION

David's grief caused him to withdraw from life and to neglect the needs of men who had been truer sons than Absalom. The lack of meaningful communication between father and son since the murder of Amnon probably complicated David's adjustment to the death of his son. Very often, immediate grief is born out of a repressed sense of guilt.

The anguish was brought about by at least three elements: (1) The loss of his son—death is final. (2) His son had died in rebellion with no words of apology or confession. (3) David was aware that his own sins were partly to blame.

David was tender in his heart and he realized that he knew he deserved the punishment. Too many times we know where we have failed.

You cannot always blame the parents for the child's sin. There are factors that must be considered in every case. However, all parents should learn from David's mistake.

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## Names In The News

Mrs. Martha Nelson, author of several Broadman books, writer for Royal Service, and wife of Rev. Carl Nelson, pastor of Pelahatchie Church, will be guest speaker for the May WMU meeting at Calvary Church, Jackson. A coffee and fellowship hour will begin at 9:30 a.m., May 4, at Calvary. The program featuring Mrs. Nelson will begin at 10 a.m. and will be followed by lunch at 11:30. Ladies of other churches in the Jackson area are invited to the meeting. Those desiring to stay for lunch will need to call the church office for reservations.

Rev. Bill Gross has been called as pastor of the Mt. Pisgah Church of Eupora. Rev. Gross is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Gross of Jacinto City, Texas. He is married to the former Pat England Gross, daughter of Mrs. Ethyl Kirkpatrick of Valer, Illinois. At present Rev. Gross is attending Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, Tennessee, where he will graduate in May.

Rev. Edward C. Farr will supply at Westside Church, Macon, on May 2, at morning and night services. Mr. Farr, now retired, was formerly pastor of Westside for twelve years. He states that he is hoping to see all those who were members there while he was pastor. Rev. Kenneth Overby is present pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Merritt, missionaries to Germany, may be addressed at Adenauer Platz 2, 69 Heidelberg, West Germany. He is a native of Hattiesburg.



Robert C. "Bob" Rogers, center, was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by Sunrise Church, Hattiesburg. Bob, a senior at Petal High School, plans to attend Mississippi College next fall where he has received a Presidential Scholarship. Glen Autman, a deacon, on the left, presented the certificate. Bob's father, Rev. Robert H. Rogers, right, is pastor of the church.



Paul W. Wells (second from right), legal officer for the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, presents a copy of his first book, "Basic Law for the Law Enforcement Officer," to the Mississippi College School of Law library. From the left are Charles A. Marx, attorney for the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol; Mary Libby Payne, interim dean of the School of Law; Mr. Wells; and Carol West, head law librarian. Wells and Marx are both graduates of the Jackson School of Law, which was purchased by Mississippi College, and Marx also received the master of education degree from the college in 1971. (M. C. Photo by Ronnie Killebrew)

Rev. Roe Wilson underwent coronary by-pass surgery recently at Presbyterian Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco. Wilson, a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary, is currently retired, due to disability. For the past 18 years he has preached in California. Formerly pastor at Summit, Mississippi, he is pastor emeritus of Balboa Baptist Church of San Francisco and lives at 1415-32nd Avenue, San Francisco 94122. A heart patient since 1969, he had successful heart surgery in September, 1975.

Rev. John W. Bowlin was ordained to the gospel ministry, by the County Line Baptist Church, Copiah County, on April 11. Rev. Fredrick Kirkland preached the ordination sermon, and Rev. E. N. Sullivan delivered the charge. Rev. Bowlin was licensed eight years ago. His address is R. 1, Box 517, Crystal Springs.

W. E. Storie, retired preacher of Jackson, is the subject of an article in the April Moody Monthly, by Anne McWilliams, Baptist Record editorial associate.

## Missionaries On Furlough

The following missionaries are now on furlough and living in Mississippi:

Jerry and Bobbye Rankin, Indonesia, 208 East Main, Clinton; Winfield and Laverne Applewhite, Indonesia, 715 East Northside Dr., Jackson; Guy and Lois Henderson, Philippines, 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson; Dorothy Latham, Brazil, Box 16, Forkville; Hal and Lou Ann Lee, France, 5111 Orchard Road B211, Pascagoula;

Georgia Mae Ogburn, Chile, 2007 A 24th Ave., Meridian; Margaret Fairburn, Liberia, C-o Mrs. Earl Skinner, Route 4, Tylertown; Charles and Sandy Long, Belgium, 1625 Easy Street, Yazoo City; John and Nell Smith, Indonesia, 3331 Old Canton Road, Jackson; Raymond and Ann Kolb, Brazil, 500 East Northside Drive, Apt. C-5, Clinton; Mike and Ronnie Simoneaux, Japan, 510 Grant St., Summit; Antonia Canzonieri, Bahamas, 5939 Clinton Blvd., Jackson; Ralph and Joyce Ghana, 202 So. Strahan, Poplarville; Payton and Helen Myers, Nigeria, Route 1, Box 134, West Point;

Mary Alice Ditsworth is returning on furlough from Indonesia this month, and Charles and Elizabeth Ray are returning this month on furlough from Thailand.

Be yourself. Cultivate desirable qualities.

## Devotional

### The Power Of Influence

John 20: 1-10

By Tommy Tutor, Pastor, First, Holly Springs

Influence is our greatest tool in Christianity. We all influence others to do as we do. Sometimes we consciously try to influence others, and sometimes the action or attitude from our lives unconsciously influences others to do as we do.

The latter was true early in the first day of the week when Jesus was resurrected. Mary Magdalene had made this discovery and had carried the news to Peter and John. John being younger than Peter outran him to the sepulchre. But when John arrived at the tomb, he leaned over and looked in where Jesus had been buried, but he did not go in. Peter arrived and rushed right into the sepulchre. (Fools rush in where angels fear to tread). The Bible says, "Then went in also that other disciple." Peter led John to follow him.

Men are ever touching consciously and unconsciously the springs of motion in each other. We often act and do as others. Therefore, we should guard our influence.

There are ways we consciously try to influence people to believe in Christ and the Christian life. One of these ways is sharing our personal testimony about what God has done for us. Secondly, we teach the Bible in our Sunday Schools, etc. Thirdly, we preach the gospel from our pulpits. There are other means such as, TV, radio, tracts, and numerous other ways we use our conscious influence for God.

But, our greatest influence is silently radiated from our lives, for the most part, while we are not conscious of it. The life and light which others see in our lives is generated from our hearts. "Out of the heart come the issues of life." If God is in control of our heart, then his light is reflected from our life. The attitude, spirit, and conduct all reflect the real master in our heart. Sometimes people express this principle by saying that I cannot hear what you are saying for what you are doing. Or, another way of putting it, your actions speak louder than your words.

We influence people with the words of our mouth, but we, also, influence them by the spirit and attitude we have. If we would influence people to believe in Christ, then we must demonstrate His superior way of life. This we do by letting him live his life through us. In other words, the Christian life is an exchanged life: exchanging our life for Jesus' life.

## Area-Wide Crusade Set For Wayne County

The Wayne County Association in conjunction with other churches in the area are planning for an Area-Wide Crusade to be held from April 25 thru May 2. Services will be at the Waynesboro Central High School football field. They will begin at 7:00 p.m. each evening with a pre-service time of music furnished by the combined church choirs in Wayne County.

The preaching evangelist for the crusade will be Rev. Sonny Holland of Clinton, Louisiana. The music will be under the direction of Mr. Donald Moore of Vidalia, Louisiana. All local churches will dispense with their Sunday night services on April 25 and May 2 in order to participate in the crusade effort.



Donald Moore



Sonny Holland

Planning and preparation for this crusade began through the Wayne County Ministerial Association nearly a year ago. Much prayer and thought has gone into this effort. We would ask our Christian friends across the state to be in prayer for us that the

Lord would richly bless our country in these great days that are upon us.

## Revival Results

Friendship (Okibbeha): February 29-March 10; S. E. O'Brien of Dorsey, evangelist; Jimmy Newman of Maben, singer; Gene O'Brian, pastor; 12 professions of faith; a number of other decisions.

Hebron (Clay): Larry Williams, pastor of Salem Church, Marshall County, evangelist; Willie Crawley, pastor, leading singing; Grace Young, musician; six professions of faith; 17 rededications.

## Chosen To Preach Good News Mississippi Fellowship Of National & Southern Baptists Camp Garaywa-May 17-18, 1976 Dick Brogan, Presiding

Monday, May 17

4:00 p.m. Registration  
5:15 Supper  
6:15 Bible Study and Dialogue—Earl Kelly  
7:00 "Communicating the Word"—Wilbur Swartz  
7:45 "The Role of Women in the Church"—Hattie Perry and Irene Shurden  
8:30 Break  
8:40 Concert—Larry Black & FBC Group  
9:00 Message—Emmanuel McCall  
9:45 Benediction

Tuesday, May 18

7:30 a.m. Breakfast  
8:30 Bible Study—Frank Pollard  
9:30 Message—Emmanuel McCall  
10:15 Break  
10:30 "Communicating the Word"—Wilbur Swartz  
11:15 Message—Don Harbuck  
12:15 p.m. Lunch  
1:45 Bible Study and Dialogue—Hickman Johnson  
2:45 "Communicating the Word"—Wilbur Swartz  
3:30 Break  
4:00 "Working Together in God's World"—Richard Porter  
5:30 Supper  
6:30 Bible Study and Dialogue—Earl Kelly  
7:30 Message—Don Harbuck  
8:15 Concert—Staffney Wilson  
8:45 Message—Emmanuel McCall  
9:30 Benediction

The \$10.00 registration fee will cover meals, lodging and linens. To reserve a place, send \$5.00 NOW to National Baptist Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205, and bring \$5.00 with you to Garaywa.



Black



Shurden



Kelly



McCall



Brogan



Perry



Pollard



Swartz



Porter



Johnson



Harbuck

## Centennial At First, Abbeville

Centennial services will be held at First Baptist Church Abbeville May 2, 1976. Services will begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m., lunch will be served at the noon hour and services will continue through the afternoon. Rev. B. B. McCee, a former pastor, but now pastor of Concord in Choctaw Association, will be the speaker at the 11 o'clock hour. All former pastors have been invited. The pastor, Millard L. Swinney, and the members give all former members a special invitation to attend this day of celebration and honoring of Christ.

## Annuitants Invited To Breakfast

Benefit recipients of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board present in Norfolk are invited to attend a breakfast on Thursday, June 17.

The annual "Annuitants' Breakfast" is held during the yearly meeting of the SBC. The breakfast at Norfolk will be held in the Ballroom of the Holiday Inn - Scope at 7:30.

Annuitants and their spouses will be guests of the Annuity Board. A limited number of others may attend by paying \$5.00 per person, according to Kermit E. Whiteaker, Dallas, Annuity Board senior vice president and organizer of the breakfast.

H. H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, former president of the SBC, will be master of ceremonies. Attendance is expected to surpass 300, Whiteaker said.

## Action Center Needs Volunteers

"What we need, money can't buy... We need you!" says Fran Leber, co-director of the Jackson Voluntary Action Center.

An agency can provide meals for home bound elderly if volunteers can make the deliveries. The food is picked up at a site and delivered to an elderly person's home. It would take approximately 1 1/2 hours.

There is a nursing home who needs six volunteers to help residents play bingo on Tuesday 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Two nurses are needed at a maturity pediatric clinic on Monday evenings.

A volunteer is needed to assist a special education teacher in adult program classes.

An agency needs many individuals to help in sorting materials after their campaign.

Two volunteers are needed to assist in after school day care classes with arts and crafts activities.

A companion, preferably female, is needed to befriend a mental patient.

Two or three volunteers are needed for arts and crafts and fun time activities.

For more information on these or other volunteer opportunities, contact the Jackson Voluntary Action Center - 354-1765 or visit 326 South Street.

## Off The Record

Little boy: What does PTA mean? Mom talks about it.

Second boy: I think it means poor tired adults.

—Van Winkle Reminder

It is said that Mao Tse-tung not long ago stated to the effect that his wife Chiang Ching should take a tip from nature: her ears aren't made to shut but her mouth is.—Free China Weekly

We had just finished fixing my brother's garage door when we noticed his neighbor walking toward us. Quickly my brother began putting away all the tools. "What's the matter?" I asked. "Afraid he'll want to borrow your tools?"

"No," he answered, "I'm afraid he'll recognize them."—True

Known far and wide for his optimism, a small-time football coach entered the locker room and gave the players a pregame pep talk. "All right, boys," he explained cheerily, "here we are, unbeaten, untied, and unscored upon — and ready for the first game of the season."

A flea and an elephant walked side by side over a little bridge. The flea told the elephant after they had crossed it. "Boy, we sure did shake that thing."

## Annie Armstrong Wins Fashion Show

The WMU of Westview Church, Jackson, celebrated Annie Armstrong Easter Offering time by having a historical fashion show, featuring important ladies in WMU work from the 1800's until the present. Each dressed in a period costume, left, along the

Bicentennial theme. The pastor, C. H. Lochlin, dressed in a tux, is pictured at right with the fashion winner, Miss Annie Armstrong, who was presented a bouquet and a check. Westview Church reached their Easter Offering goal of \$350.00.



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